

Meeting	Executive
Date	7 March 2019
Present	Councillors Gillies (Chair), Aspden, Ayre, Dew, K Myers, Runciman and Waller
Apologies	Councillor Brooks

118. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare at this point in the meeting any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests, that they might have in the business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

119. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 14 February 2019 be approved and then signed by the Chair as a correct record.

120. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

121. Forward Plan

Members received and noted details of the items that were on the Forward Plan for the next two Executive meetings at the time the agenda was published.

122. York Local Plan Update

The Assistant Director of Transport & Planning and the Forward Plan Manager presented a report which provided an update on the Local Plan examination. This included additional technical evidence regarding the Objective Assessment of Housing Need (OAN), submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 29 January, and the implications for the Plan of further work carried out on the Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA). These

matters had been considered by the Local Plan Working Group at their meeting on 27 February 2019, the minutes of which were circulated to Members.

The Housing Needs Update prepared by consultants GL Hearn and attached as Annex A to the report examined recent population projections, concluding that the OAN in York was 790 dwellings per annum (dpa). This further strengthened the robustness and flexibility of proposed housing supply in the submitted Plan, which had been based on the previous figure of 867 dpa. The HRA update, attached as Annex C, addressed concerns raised by Natural England, particularly in relation to Strensall Common, and recommended that site allocations ST35 and H59 (Queen Elizabeth Barracks) be removed from the Plan. These changes were reflected in the proposed modifications schedule at Annex E.

In response to questions from Members, officers confirmed that work was in progress on drafting the prioritised Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) on green infrastructure and affordable housing and the drafts would be brought to Executive as soon as possible.

Resolved: (i) That the additional Objective Assessment of Housing Need (OAN) evidence, already submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) following approval by the Director of Economy & Place in consultation with the relevant Members under delegated powers, be noted.

Reason: To allow officers to progress York's Local Plan through to hearing sessions to determine the OAN.

(ii) That the modifications schedule attached as Annex E to the report be approved for submission to PINS for examination.

Reason: So that York's Local Plan can progress through examination.

123. Earswick Neighbourhood Plan - Examiner's Report

The Assistant Director of Transport & Planning and the Development Officer, Strategic Planning presented a report which sought approval for the proposed modifications in the

Examiner's report on the Earswick Neighbourhood Plan and the council's Decision Statement, to allow the Plan to proceed to Referendum.

The Examiner's Report was attached as Annex A to the report, along with the Decision Statement, including the Council's proposed response to the Examiner's recommended modifications to the Plan, at Annex B. These documents had been considered by the Local Plan Working Group at their meeting on 27 February 2019, the minutes of which were circulated to Members.

It was recommended that the Examiner's modifications be accepted rather than altered, as they made the Plan more robust and enabled it to meet the Basic Conditions. A decision to reject the modifications could only be made on the specific grounds set out in paragraph 18 of the report.

- Resolved:
- (i) That the Examiner's modifications to the Earswick Neighbourhood Plan and the consequential minor modifications set out in Annex B be agreed and that, subject to those modifications, the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions and other legislative requirements.
 - (ii) That the Earswick Neighbourhood Plan, as amended, proceed to a local referendum based on the geographic boundary of the parish of Earswick, as recommended by the Examiner.
 - (iii) That the Decision Statement attached as Annex B to the report be approved for publication on the City of York Council's website.

Reason: To allow the Neighbourhood Plan to progress in line with neighbourhood planning legislation.

Cllr I Gillies, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.05 pm and finished at 5.25 pm].